Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I think they have been subscribing for some other departments. I can't exactly say which. I want notice for that.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: വേറെ വല്ല ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ഈ പത്രത്തിന്റെ വരിസംഖ്യ കൊടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ: നോട്ടീസ്സു വേണം.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)*: With reference to answer to (e)—"The shortest period for which subscription was payable was 3 months. Accordingly, fraction of 3 months was treated as full 3 months"—is that the case with other newspapers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice for it.

PUBLICITY OFFICER—DUTIES OF

138. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Publicity Officer keeps a diary of the work he is doing;

(*b*) what is his present work;

(*c*) how many files he has handled or dealt with in the month of Edavam 1116;

(*d*) whether he has sufficient work at present;

(*e*) whether the Government are contemplating the abolition of that post?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Some of the important duties which the Publicity Officer has to discharge are mentioned in the Press Communique, dated 20th April 1937, published in the Government Gazette, dated 24th April 1937. It is the practice with the Secretariat, moreover, to consult the Publicity Officer and ascertain his views on all matters relating to newspapers and publicity both inside and outside the State. Besides, since the outbreak of the present European War, he has been functioning as Censor and Press Adviser for the State.

(*c*) During the month of Edavam 1116 he has brought to the notice of Government as well as of the heads of departments 188 newspaper cuttings relating to

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matters of State interest. During the same period he has furnished, at the instance of the Secretariat as well as of publicity organisations outside the State, a good deal of information on State matters.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* It is stated that a good deal of information on State matters has been given by him. May I know a few samples of such information that has seen given?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are all occasionally published.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* One or two most important of such pieces of informations may be given. In (c) the answer is that a good deal of information on State matters has been supplied by the Publicity Officer. Will the House be enlightened on it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want to search files for that. He has been supplying information at the instance of the Government to the Chamber of Princes, etc.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what is the work done by him as Censor and Press Adviser for the State?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He is going through things that affect the State affairs.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* So, am I to take it that he is going through such of the things as affect the State affairs?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* All the correspondence received by them pass through him. He is expected to do it here, and in Trichur it has been delegated to the Magistrate there to do it under instructions from him. Here, he does all these things himself.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: യൂറോപ്പിൽ നടക്കുന്ന യുദ്ധത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പബ്ലിസിറ്റി ആപ്പീസർക്കു വല്ല അലവൻസും കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ: യൂറോപ്പിലെ യുദ്ധംകൊണ്ടു കൊടുക്കുന്നതല്ല. ഇവിടത്തെ സെൻസർ വക്കിന്നു് അലവൻസു കൊടുക്കുന്നു എന്നേയുള്ളു.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the Magistrate who is placed in charge of the work in Trichur is given any allowance?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

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